

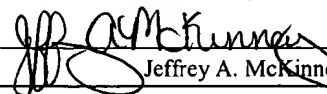


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Steven Teig

Serial No.: 09/742,171

Filing Date: 12/12/2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
QUANTIFYING THE QUALITY OF
PLACEMENT CONFIGURATIONS IN
A PARTITIONED REGION OF AN
INTEGRATED-CIRCUIT LAYOUT

Examiner: Thompson, Annette M.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated 11/07/03, attached please find:

1. This Amendment Transmittal Letter;
2. An Amendment and Response to the Office Action;
3. A Petition for Extension of Time;
4. A Return Receipt Post Card.
5. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached.

If this amendment is deemed late, applicant hereby petitions for any needed extension of time needed. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1128.**

The fee has been calculated as follows:

FOR	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT	NUMBER NOT PAID FOR TIMES RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS	48	48	0 x \$18.00	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	4	0 x \$84.00	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$270.00	0
<u>3</u> MONTHS PETITION FOR EXTENSION FOR REPLY :				\$930.00
Total from Above				\$930.00
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). The Applicant hereby states that it qualifies as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27				\$0.00
				TOTAL = \$930.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 7, 2003

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